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RE: UNITED STATES v. TERRANCE STINSON - SENTENCING
60 YEAR SENTENCE FOR ROBBERY AND DRUG CONSPIRATOR

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today the sentencing of Terrance Stinson, age 29, of Rochester, New York, to a total of 60 years imprisonment and a \$4,000 fine by United States District Judge Charles J. Siragusa. Stinson was convicted by a jury in Rochester on August 26, 2003, of one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base (crack cocaine), in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846, and one count of conspiracy to affect commerce by robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951, as well as one count of using, carrying or possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and one count of using, carrying or possessing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, each in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c).

Assistant U.S. Attorney Frank H. Sherman, who tried the case along with Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Kelly, stated that Stinson conspired with other persons, both known and unknown, during the time period from 1993 to January 2002, to distribute cocaine base

in the Rochester, New York, area. Stinson was found to be responsible for conspiring to distribute at least 500 grams of crack cocaine in the Rochester area. AUSA Sherman stated that, between September 1997 and February 2001, Stinson also conspired to affect commerce by the robbery of money and controlled substances from individuals engaged in the unlawful distribution and possession of controlled substances, including cocaine, cocaine base and heroin. The evidence established Stinson's participation in two robberies of drug dealers resulting in serious injuries, one involving the abduction and shooting of the victim and the other involving a home invasion and the beating of the victim, as well as two drug-related burglaries. In addition, Stinson was shown to have possessed firearms during his participation in these conspiracy offenses.

Citing the devastating impact of the illegal drug trade on the community, Judge Siragusa found Stinson to be a "danger to the community" deserving of a very long sentence. Judge Siragusa told Stinson that he expected this sentence would keep Stinson behind bars for the rest of his life.

This sentencing of Terrance Stinson in federal court results from an OCDEF investigation on the part of the Drug Enforcement Administration, assisted by the Rochester Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New York State Police.

The sentencings for Stinson's co-defendants, Anthony Murphy and Damien Lott, are scheduled for March, 2004, in front of Hon. Charles J. Siragusa, United States District Judge.